

Les regions de la France – Region assignments and Resources

Info to include:

L'histoire-history

La culture-culture

Les villes/les villages fameux-famous cities and villages

Choses à faire: things to do

Les spécialités à manger (la gastronomie)-food specialities

Les endroits à visiter-places to visit

Les fêtes-festivals-celebrations

autres choses-other things

Good resources for each region are included, below, as well as some regional highlights. In addition, check the page on our wiki on which this assignment sheet is located in order to find some great resources (including pictures) on French sites. (<http://madameshackelford.wikispaces.com/Régions+de+France>)

La Bourgogne

Burgundy- regional and tourist guide - <<http://about-france.com/regions/burgundy.htm>>

Burgundy – Monks and Wine: <http://www.francemonthly.com/n/0602/index.php>

Les Hospices de Beaune :

<http://www.francemonthly.com/n/1010/index.php#article1>

Guédelon: <http://www.francemonthly.com/n/0910/index.php>

Visiting Burgundy, France : <http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g187105-Burgundy-Vacations.html>

Other things to research: City of Dijon and Dijon mustard; Barge trips in Burgundy; Cuisine of Burgundy : Boeuf Bourguignon, escargots, etc etc

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La Bretagne

[La Bretagne-Brittany](#)

[La cuisine in Bretagne](#)

[La Bretagne](#)

[Mont St. Michel](#)

[Carnac-Mystères of menhirs et dolmens-big ancient rock formations](#)

Places to research: Mont St. Michel, St. Malo, Quimper, Brest, Carnac, Nantes, Celtic

Other information to research-les menhirs, Asterix, les crêpes et les galettes, Roi Arthur, les festnoz,

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La Normandie

[La Normandie-\(Normandy\)](#)

[WWII D-Day Landing Beaches](#)

[La Normandie](#)

[Rouen et Jeanne D'Arc](#)

[Giverny et Monet](#)

Places to research: Rouen, Caen, Bayeux, Arromanches, Honfleur, Camembert

Other information to research: William the Conqueror, Bayeux Tapestry, Joan of Arc, camembert cheese, cows of Normandie

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Les Pays de la Loire

[La Loire-The Loire Valley](#)

[Les Châteaux de la Loire-The castle of the the Loire Valley](#)

[The Loire Valley](#)

[Stories from the Loire Châteaux](#)

Places to research: Tours, Chambord, Amboise, Clos Lucé, Chenonceau,

Chinon, Ussé, Chartres, Bourges, Orléans

Other information to research: François Ier, Leonardo DaVinci, Joan of Arc, Henri II de France, Diane de Poitiers, Catherine de Medici

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Les Alpes en France (Rhône-Alpes Province)

[Les Alpes en France-The Alps in France](#)

[Rhône-Alpes](#)

[Skiing in France](#)

[Lyon](#)

[Chamonix et Mont Blanc](#)

Places to research: Lyon, Grenoble, Annecy, Chamonix, Mont Blanc, Albertville

Other information to research: La cuisine (cooking and food) in Lyon, [Val d'Isère](#),

les olympiques en France(winter Olympics in France), raclette, Tour de France dans les Alpes

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Alsace

[L'Alsace](#)

[L'Alsace](#)

[Council of Europe](#)

[L'Alsace](#)

[Strasbourg](#)

[Strasbourg](#)

[Gastonomy](#)

Storks

Places to research: Colmar, Obernai, Mulhouse, Kayserberg

Other information to research: Rhine River, history of Alsace (France, Germany, Prussia), Christmas market in Strasbourg, Storks (cigognes en Alsace)

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La Cote d'Azur

[La Côte d'Azur-The French Riviera](#)

[Les Plus Belles Plages dans La Côte d'Azur-The Most Beautiful Beaches on the French Riviera](#)

[La Côte d'Azur](#)

[Nice](#)

[Cannes](#)

[Monaco](#)

Places to research: Nice, Menton, Antibes, Cannes, Monaco, Grasse

Other information to research: Picasso en France, International Film Festival in Cannes, Monte Carlo car race

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La Provence/Languedoc-Roussillon

[La Provence-a very old part of France in the southeast with Roman ruins, artists, etc.](#)

[Le Pont du Gard](#)-Roman ruins

[La Camargue](#)

French bullfighting (see course camarguaise and course landaise from Mme. Shackelford's "tauromachie" wiki page)

[Lavandre](#)

Places to research: Marseilles, Arles, Nîmes, Avignon, La Camargue, Saintes Maries de la Mer, Aix-en-Provence

Other information to research: Van Gogh, Roman ruins, Carmen Opera, le Petit Colorado en France, herbes de Provence, olive oil (huile d'olive), bouillabaisse, Le Mistral, lavender

[Picasso's Provence](#)

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Southwest France (Midi Pyrennees/Aquitaine)

Some good links for southwest France:

<http://www.francemonthly.com/area/south.php>

<http://www.touradour.com/history/basque.htm>

Find info about:

Le Perigord - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Périgord>

Pay Basque - <http://www.francemonthly.com/n/0605/index.php>

Pays Basque -<http://www.francemonthly.com/n/0205/index.php>

Toulouse - http://www.uk.toulouse-tourisme.com/accueil/index_en.php
Bordeaux
Bordeaux wines/vineyards
Sarlat - <http://www.francemonthly.com/n/0808/index.php>
Cuisine: cassoulet, foie gras, Truffles (truffles)
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Poitou-Charentes Region (Western France)

<http://about-france.com/regions/poitou-charente.htm>

http://www.french-at-a-touch.com/French_Regions/Poitou-Charantes/poitou-charentes_20.htm

cities: La Rochelle, Poitiers, Angoulême; also le Marais Poitevin and Ile de Ré (famous offshore resort island: <http://www.nytimes.com/1994/05/01/travel/on-ile-de-re-a-luminous-seascape.html?pagewanted=all&src=pm>)

Research the Futuroscope (A future-based theme park, famous for its variety of high-tech cinemas including IMAX and 3D) :
<http://www.futuroscope.com/?xtor=AL-999>

Cuisine : Pineau des charentes (a liquor) ;oysters, mussels; cheese
http://www.french-property.com/regions/poitou_charentes/food-gastronomy/

Quelques images:

http://www.google.com/search?tbm=isch&hl=en&source=hp&biw=1024&bih=633&q=Auvergne&gbv=2&oq=Auvergne&aq=f&aqi=g10&aql=&gs_sm=e&gs_upl=1207127571013020181710111101191177013.31610#hl=en&gbv=2&tbm=isch&sa=1&q=poitou+charentes&pbx=1&oq=poitou+charentes&aq=f&aqi=g2&aql=&gs_sm=e&gs_upl=55968160928101612531181181112113101201175811.3.11510&bav=on.2,or.r_gc.r_pw.,cf.osb&fp=af3171579b64a66f&biw=1024&bih=633

Auvergne

<http://gitelink.com/auvergne/>

great, unspoiled natural territory

cities: Le Puy , Clermont Ferrand

volcanoes: <http://www.summitpost.org/volcans-d-auvergne/226305>

Michelin tires, lace,

Vulcania theme park: <http://www.vulcania.com/en.html>

Cuisine: cheeses, wine, pork, etc: <http://us.franceguide.com/Discover-the-cuisine-of-Auvergne.html?NodeID=1&EditoID=181717>

Quelques images:

<http://www.google.com/search?tbm=isch&hl=en&source=hp&biw=1024&bih=633&q=Auvergne&gbv=2&oq=Auvergne&aq=f&aqi=g10&aql=&gs_sm=e&gs_upl=1207127571013020181710111101191177013.31610>

Limousin

<http://www.discoverfrance.net/France/Provinces/Limousin.shtml>

<http://us.franceguide.com/destinations/france/regions/limousin/home.html?nodeID=160>

Limoges porcelain, cattle, Aubusson tapestries, St Etienne cathedral, natural parks, home of Renoir (the artist), unspoiled countryside

Gastronomy: <http://www.french-property.com/regions/limousin/food-gastronomy/>

Quelques images:

http://www.google.com/search?tbm=isch&hl=en&source=hp&biw=1152&bih=613&q=limousin&gbv=2&oq=limousin&aq=f&aqi=g10&aql=&gs_sm=e&gs_upl=13231265110133461818101313101232175210.4.11510

And for Limoges porcelain:

http://www.google.com/search?tbm=isch&hl=en&source=hp&biw=1152&bih=613&q=limousin&gbv=2&oq=limousin&aq=f&aqi=g10&aql=&gs_sm=e&gs_upl=13231265110133461818101313101232175210.4.11510#hl=en&gbv=2&tbm=isch&sa=1&q=limoges&pbx=1&oq=limoges&aq=f&aqi=g10&aql=&gs_sm=e&gs_upl=625371651441016540619111111212621133610.3.41710&bav=on.2.or.r_gc.r_pw..cf.osb&fp=56d7531a3e2ca0b1&biw=1152&bih=613

La Corse (Corsica)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corsica>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/france/corsica>

<http://www.visit-corsica.com/en>

<http://www.catherine-meissner.org/france.htm#corse>

gastronomie: http://www.aftouch-cuisine.com/gastronomy/cation_spotorsica-r8.htm

and: <http://www.corsica-isula.com/gastronomy.htm>

vacation spot; history and language are important associations with this region

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http://www.google.com/search?tbm=isch&hl=en&source=hp&biw=1152&bih=635&q=corsica&qbv=2&oq=corsica&aq=f&aqi=q10&aql=&gs_sm=e&gs_upl=1493l2799l0l3211l7l7l0l11l10l176l852l1.5l6l0